

Book Discussions @ Your Library

Join the adult book discussion on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. We normally meet in the library's community room. Registration is not required, and dessert and beverage are served. For more information, or to reserve a copy of a book, call 455-6310. We hope to see you there!



June 16 – *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova
 July – NO MEETING
 August 18 – *The Broken Window* by Jeffery Deaver
 September 15 – *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver



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Advocacy Saves Branch

The Downtown Branch and Public Law Library will remain open in FY 2011, thanks to the Friends offer of \$20,000 to help defray the cost. City Council was impressed by citizens who were willing to contribute to their cause, and by the ten citizens who spoke at the public hearing on the Budget and the 235+ who signed a petition that was circulated around downtown. They voted to keep the branch open full time.

Branch librarian Marilyn Martin spoke for the community in her Letter to the Editor:

The Downtown Branch Library may be small in size, but it has a big heart. That heart is all the people who supported us during the recent budget deliberations.

The Friends of the Library spoke with their voices and their pocketbook. Their generous donation of \$10,000 to help fund the branch library is a testament to the importance of all libraries in the city. An anonymous donor pledged another \$10,000, which is unprecedented in the history of the library. Community residents, including young people, from College Hill apartments, came out in force to speak for the library. Residents from the Virginia apartments, the downtown workforce and other faithful patrons stepped up to sign a petition to present to Council.

To all of these supporters I offer a heart felt thank you. I have worked with you, I see some of you every day, I know a lot of you by name, and I count you all as friends. A thank-you also goes to the city manager for putting the branch library back in the budget and to the Lynchburg City Council members who voted to fund us.

The community of library users is fortunate to have your support. When many small voices become one big voice change is possible.

Thank you!

MARILYN K. MARTIN

Downtown Branch Library



National Library Week Activities

Congratulations to Heather Babcock and her girls for having the winning entry in the library's "Come Check Us Out" scavenger hunt. The library also thanks everyone who participated in the scavenger hunt and hopes they all learned something new about the library. Also during National Library Week, the first five people each day to sign up for a library card at either library received "Reading is Fun at the Lynchburg Public Library" mugs. Library tours were also given. National Library Week 2011 will take place April 10-16. Plan to be here!



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 Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

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Lynchburg Reads – John Bul Dau

Hundreds of area residents of all ages were moved by John Bul Dau’s book, *God Grew Tired of Us*, the movie of the same name, and the companion books for children and youth, *Home of the Brave* and *My Name is Sangoel*. One of Mr. Dau’s youngest fans, 11-year-old Sophie Smith, a Bedford Hills Elementary School student, is pictured with him at left. Sophie and her mother watched the movie, and Sophie was thrilled to have John Dau sign her book.

Mr. Dau’s message was an inspiration to the 212 people gathered on April 21 in Randolph College’s Smith Hall auditorium, and to the entire E.C. Glass student body, to whom he spoke earlier in the day. Patty Worsham, English teacher, said that the students responded enthusiastically to Mr. Dau’s message of hope and the power of the human spirit and gave him a standing ovation. All senior English students read his book.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, Randolph College, and the Holocaust Education Foundation for their support in bringing Mr. Dau to Lynchburg. If you wish to donate to the John Dau foundation, go to www.johndaufoundation.org and click on “Donate.”



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New Friends Officers for 2010-2011

- **President** – Michelle Jackson
- **Vice President** – Mary Guthrow
- **Recording Secretary** – Kimberly Sheppard
- **Treasurer** – Cece Potekhen
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What are Tumblebooks?



Tumblebooks are animated talking picture books for younger children with

- Music
- Puzzles
- Games

Stories are available in English, Spanish, and French. Access this FREE service from our website. No password is necessary. Just go to www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary and click on



Book an Adventure!

Join us this summer for exciting adventures
June 14 - August 9

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Monday Movies** Check our website or pick up a schedule in Youth Services.
Preschool Pizzazz on Wednesdays for ages 2-4 10:05 or 11:05
Wednesday Wows for independent listeners ages 5-7 10:00 or 11:00
Thursday Thrills for ages 8-12 1:00

SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
Born to Read for ages under 2 10:30

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday, June 19 **Adventures with Fish the Magish** at 1:00 (ages 3 and up)
Friday, June 25 **Magic Tree House Adventures** at 1:00 (ages 6 and up)
Saturday, July 3 **Patriotic Craft Workshops** between 10-12 and 2-4 (ages 3 and up)
Friday, July 9 **Magic 4 U!** at 1:00 (ages 3 and up)
Saturday, July 17 **Opera on the James, Hansel and Gretel** 1:00 (ages 5 and up)
Friday, July 23 **Wildlife Center’s Birds of Prey** at 1:00 (ages 3 and up)
Saturday, July 31 **Adventure in a Soil Tunnel** at 1:00 (ages 3 and up)

GRAND FINALE

Wednesday, August 4
Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party
1:00 to 3:00

For those who read or listen to 15 or more books

Please visit the library, call 455-6320, or check our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary for more information.

Summer Vacation Loans @ Your Library

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, you may request to have most of your materials for an extended loan period. Vacation Loan is not available for DVDs, Videos and Adult Collection New books. The vacation loan period will give a two-week extension, so items may be checked out for 5 weeks, instead of the normal 3 weeks. Please remember to request the vacation loan *before* a staff member begins checking out your items. Happy traveling and reading this summer!



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2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS
Main
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-8:00 PM

Downtown Branch
Mon.- Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

**DOWNTOWN BRANCH
AND LAW LIBRARY**
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

CLOSED
Monday, July 5
Independence Day

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Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meeting			
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